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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 11

Major ~~Part~~ B for September 1867

SUBJECT.

Revision of the Rates of the Liquor License

Indexed

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W D 1351—GPB—20,000—13-12-13

Assistant
should be at the
rate of Rs 10.

no objection
to the number of shops being
reduced from 68 to 75

B 19/3/68

Revenue. No. 216.

1868.

From The Superintendent
Nundidroog Division

To The Secretary to the Comm.
of Mysore

Dated 17 March 1868

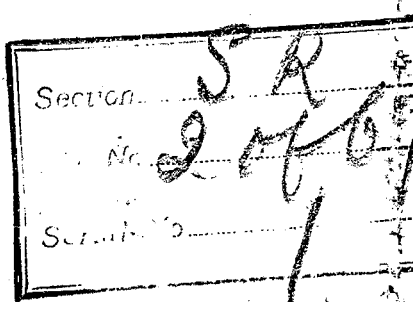
Despatched 18

Received 18th
Mar 19th

Enclosures No.

General No. 6434 } 1867-68.

Rev. No. 612



Submits for the Comm.
consideration & instruct.
copy of letter from the
Cantonment Magistrate
suggesting a revision
of the rates for liquor
Licenses. —

Crewe
18 March 68

It might advisable to make
no change for 1 year
Hinde 21. 3. 68.

General 4434
Rev: No: 212

Nundidroog Division
Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 17th March 1868.

To,
The Secretary to the
Commissioner for the Govern-
-ment of the Territories of H. H.
the Rajah of Mysore—

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the Commissioner's consi-
-deration and instructions copy of a letter No: 540 of the 27th Ultimo; together with copy of the Memorandum which accompanied it, from the Cantonment Magistrate, suggesting a revision of the rates for Licenses.—

*As sanctioned in your letter No: 2933 of Rev: 68 the 10: November 1863.

2. Major Puckle's experience of the working of the system in the Cantonment has led him to propose this re-
-vision of the rates: and I think it highly probable therefore that they will answer well.—

3. As Bangalore is increasing

in size and extent rapidly, I have thought it advisable to sanction the small increase from 68 to 75 in the number of Shops — For the present I think this number is sufficient, as I feel certain the Commissioner will concur with me in thinking it inexpedient to look at a matter of this kind from a mere Revenue point of view. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant,

Superintendent

Bangalore
Cantonment Magistrate's Court

No. 540.

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To

The Superintendent of the
Nundidroog Division

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that since 10th January I have received 104 applications for permission to open arrack shops within the limits of the Cantonment municipality; I granted 2 new ones before the abo date when immediately a stream of applications followed till the number reached 104.

2. Considering it would be highly undesirable to grant so many, I had a list made and recorded a memo thereon copy of which I enclose:—

3. There are now 68 of these drinking shop and in consultation with the Superintendent of Police, we have agreed that 76 shall be the maximum number for the present.

4. From every point of view except a revenue point, it is desireable to refuse these applicants, but before doing so I have submitted the case for your consideration.

5. It was thought at one time that 10 Rup a month was a heavy charge but the present flood of applications seems to prove the con

6. I have called on the applicants to pa

a deposit of 3 months tax previous to the applications being considered; I believe this will greatly reduce the list, but I am clearly of opinion that for the present the number of shops should not exceed 75 and in this I am supported by the Superintendent of Police.

4. May I ask your opinion on the change in the name of the licences in para 6 of my remarks appended.

I have the honor &c.
Signed J Puckle
Cantonment Magistrate

There are now 68 arrack shops in the Cantonment since the 10th January there have been 66 more applications they were all presented within a few days; many of them by present Arrack shop licensees or their relatives. I think it is not desireable as to increase the shops, as it leads only to toddy drinking, and there is said to be quite sufficient of that at present. The number might perhaps be increased to 75 for the whole cantonment in such localities as the Superintendent of Police may consider desireable.

2. As there is some reason to doubt the genuineness of the present applications; those presenting Orders may be summoned to

to pay the down 1/4 a years deposit and those who will not do this will have their application summarily rejected.

3. A letter is also to be addressed to the Superintendent of the Nundidroog Division acquainting him with No. of applications as the refusal of so many, on moral grounds may from a Revenue point of view not be considered so advantagrous.

(Signed) J. Puckle
Magistrate

5th February 1868.

4. The question of license has on this incidentally cropped up a wholesale license for Liquor (not arrack) is Rs. 60 but retail licenses are given by which 11 bottles may be sold to any individual, at one time practically this is wholesale as these licensees can sell (and do sell sometimes) several dozens to one individual, the precaution being taken to send 11 bottles at one time only.

6 I propose that a liquor licence should be 60 Rupees as it is now for wholesale licenses and that no retail license should be given but as refreshment rooms and Taverns are springing up where it is necessary to sell on the premises, that the license of 10 Rs. should be taken for permission to to sell liquor to be consumed on the premises, but with no permission to sell over

one

one bottle to be taken out of the premises.

6. There will be three only 3 classes of licences.

1. Liquor Licenses & Hotel Do. Rs 50
2. Tavern and Refreshment room License liquor to be drank only on the premises } Rs 10 | Yearly
3 Arrack shop Licence Do. Rs. 15 & 10 monthly and the opinion of Superintendent of police is requested on this and the other point

(Signed) J. Puckle
Magistrate

Since the 5th February 38 more have been received.

(Signed) J. Puckle
Cantonment Magistrate

Copy

Endd
Superintendent

Con:

From 1868. No 7157/189

To. The Superintendent
Mundiwegg Division

Dated 21st March

Despatched —

Received

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Serial No 2

Enclosures No.

General No 7157 } 1867-68.
Local No 189 }

In reply to No 4434/212
of 17th Instant Conveys
Comments & observations
on the proposed revision
of the rates for liquor
licenses. —

Note

No 728. 21. 3. 68

General Dept 7157 1867-68
Rec'd No 189

Bn. C. Office
Bangalore 21st March 1868

To The Asst. Genl. Dr. Mrs. Dept.

Sir, I do apply upon letter No 4434/212 of the 17th instant, submitting copy of a letter from the Cantonment Magistrate of Bangalore proposing a revision of the rates for liquor licenses, I am directed by the Comdr to observe that it may be advisable to limit all licenses at Rs 50, but that Spirituous Wholesale Liquor and Refreshment Room licenses should be at the former rate of Rs 10.—

The Comdr has no objection to the number of shops being increased from 68 to 75

I am, Sir,
Your obt. Servt.
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Dy Asst Genl

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Kent 1868 No 78.

From The Supt Limerick Kent

To The Secretary to the Commissioners

Dated 6 August

Despatched 7 do

Received 8 do

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Enclosures No. 2

Section
File No
Serial No

Report No 1838 } 1868-69.
Letter No 1858 }

Secretary's docket No 1951
of the 4th July 1868.

Specimens copies of the Forms of Licences for Wholesale & Retail Arrack Shops.

Encl 7 Aug. 68

The Rules may be approved and printed.

B 7/8/68

Ent 10 Aug 1868

General No. 1838

No. 78

Rundidroog Division
Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 6th August/68

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of H H the Rajah of Mysore

Sir,

With reference to your docket No. 1981 of 42
the 4th July 1868, I have the honor to transmit
copies of the present forms of Licenses for
Wholesale and Retail Arrack Shops in the
Cantonment and the Bangalore District,
the proposed form being entered in juxta
position for the sake of easy reference.

2. I beg to state that it will be apparent
from a perusal of the Old Forms that they
are defective in many important details.

3. The Superintendent of Police suggest-
ed the propriety of introducing clause IX
and the latter part of clause IV and VI of
the Cantonment Rules in all Retail Arrack
and Licenses in force in the District, and
the whole of clause IV in those within a radius

of

of 5 miles of Bangalore.

4. The Deputy Superintendent of the Bangalore District proposed the adoption of the Form in force in the Cantonment with some slight modifications in substitution of the present one.—

5. Having gone carefully through the different forms, I drew up myself the Rules already submitted for the Commissioner's consideration, and approval.—

I have the honor to be

Sir—

Your most obedient Servant

J. Cole

Superintendent.

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Revenue
From

1868/9 No. 6.6
No 2753
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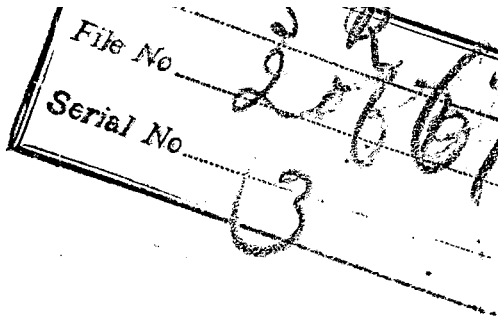
To The Supt Stamp Dr

Dated 10 August 1868
Despatched 11
Received

Enclosures No.



General No 2753 } 1868-69.
Revenue No 61 }

Your letter No 1838 of 78 of the 6th August 1868.

In reply conveying the Commrs approval of the forms of licences for Wholesale and Retail Spirit Dealers, submitted with your previous letter No 1238 of 45 of the 30th June 1868; and intimating that the Supt of the Govt Press has been requested to supply you with the number of copies applied for

By order

B 10/8/68

[illegible] Secretary

the power vested in
entity than to Attain
a limitation by Acting
Spirits in pursuance of the
Law, when the authority
is limited. I should like to
know what the readers
translation is of the Right.

Revenue 1869 No. 5.

From The Supt Kandy Circuit

To The Secy to The Govt Commrs

Dated 12th April
Despatched 13th
Received 14th
Reg'd 15th

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 145
Rev No. 5
1869-70.

Section
File No. 2067
Serial No. 4

Submits a Batch of letter-proof
Counterpart Receipt Stamps, requesting
that the usual fee of Rs 3 and
Arrack Stamps be one Rupee

Approved 14/4

Reported accordingly 1869,
agreed to - Cobb Simpson's letter

B 14/4/69

Cobb Simpson does not distinctly assign any special
advantage in making the
rates uniform, whereas
there are certain advantages

Generl No 145
Dw 4 5

Bundidroog Division
Superintendents Office
Bangalore 12th April 1869

To

The Secretary to the Commission
for the Government of the Territories
of H.H. the Rajah of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the Chief Commissioner's perusal an Extract from a letter No. 509 of the 24th Ultimo — from the Asst. Magistrate of the Bangalore Cantonment proposing that the Licence fee for all Arrack and Beer Shops be fixed at an uniform rate of 15 Rupees per month, in supercession of the existing rates of 10 Rupees and 15 Rupees.

2. I beg you will solicit the Chief Commissioner's instructions as to whether the rate may be fixed at Rupees 15 under the circumstances stated by Captain Gouperty, in which Major Pearse concurred.

3. I may add that in the Town the rates are similar to those now paid in the Cantonment

Cantonment.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Ruckle

Offg Superintendent—

Extract of Letter No 509 of 24th March 1864 from the Cantonment Magistrate, Bangalore—

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5. I venture to propose that the Licence fee for all Shops be fixed at an uniform rate of 15 Rs per month in lieu of their being classed, some at 15 Rupees and some at 10 Rupees, as shewn in Letter No 9 of the 2nd May 1864, they are all empowered to sell as much as they like, and I presume a man would not continue the licence if it did not pay him to do so, last Summer this should involve loss to a man holding a 2nd class licence (on 10 Rs a month) and who has a large stock in Trade. I would with deference submit that the increase take effect from 1st October next

Enclosure of Supt Police Bangalore's Ltr No 109 of 16th June 1864

next, which will give them time to make ar-
rangements for continuing the licence or giving
it up without loss.

6. The Vendors of Honeycomb's Beer
now pay 10 Rupees per month, I think for the
reasons shewn in para 4. they may be charg-
15 Rupees per month, the question of subjecting
the manufacture of the beer to an Octroi duty
might perhaps be considered.

I have &c.

(Signed) E.D. Gompertz

Offg Asstd Magistrate

Extract

Offg Superintendent

Revenue No. 348

1869/70. No. 696.

From

To the Inspr. of the Mundl. &c.

Dated 19th April 1869

Despatched 21st "

Received 22nd "

Enclosures No.

General No. 348 } 1869–70.

Revl. No. 9

Your letter No. 145 of the 12th inst. transmitting a proposal from the Secy. of the Cantonment Board to have the license fee for all arrack & liquor shops at the undermn. rate of 15 Rs. per annum.

Observe that the Secy. of the Cantonment Board does not suggest any special advantages in making the rates uniform, whereas under the present rates, there are certain advantages to the poorer Vendors, in enabling them to obtain a livelihood by selling spirits in portions of the Town, where the consumption is limited.

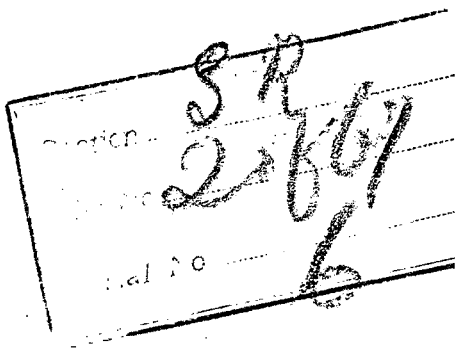
The Chief Commr. would

Section
File No. 2367
Serial No. 37

would like to know
what the Vendors themselves
say on the subject.

By Order

B 19/4/65



Revenue — No 22 —

1869.

From The Supt &

To Murundoo &c

The Secretary

Dated to the Chief Commr

Despatched 14th May 1869

Received 16th "

Ack'd 20th "

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 687 of 1869 &c

Rev No. 19

Secretary's No. 348

of the 10th Ultimo. R. 9

In reply, the Superintendent has the honor to append for the Chief Commissioner's perusal, copy of the Dandenong Magistrate's letter No 70 of the 7th Inst. on the subject of licence fees for

Refd
5287 22/5/69

Refer the matter
above to the
Commissioners

J. Meek

Offg Secretary

Report the Supt. be instructed in
accordance with the subject
& also to state whether a similar
course is recommended in the
future. B 7/5/69

BJ

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Bangalore
Cantt Magte's Court

The Superintendent
Sundidroog Division

Dated 7th May 1869.

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of your letter No. 413/10 of 28th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Arrack licensee holders having appeared at my Office to day, I took the opportunity of questioning them as to the reason of the disparity in cost of licenses, they state that at the time the licenses were issued, those paying 10 Rs per month were forbidden to sell more than 70 Gallons per month, while those paying 15 Rs per month were permitted to sell to an indiminited amount, and this was inforced by periodical inspection of their books.

2. They admit this restriction

has now been removed and thus they are all on the same footing. I have examined the Register and find that the difference of rates has no reference to locality as there are instances of shops in the same street, some paying 10 Rs and some 15 Rs a month, and in fact it is a common thing for a license holder if he find custom dull to apply for change of locality. In granting orders for the same no notice is taken of the rate of license and thus all have equal advantages.

3. The arrack sellers as a body complain that the sale of Honeywell's beer has greatly interfered with their trade but this affects all of them alike and from the avidity of applicants for vacant arrackshops it is reasonable to suppose that the trade is still lucrative.

I have &c
J. C. Gompertz
Offg. Asst Magistrate

'Copy'
Russell
Offg: Superintt

Revenue. — 1869/70.

No 843
M. C. C. C.

~~From~~

To the Supt. Nundidroog Div.

Dated 18th May 1869

Despatched 19

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 843 } 1869–870.
Ter. No. 21 }

Your Docket No. 687/19 of the 14 Instant.

Requests the Supt. to submit his opinion on the proposal made by Capt. Gourlay to fix the license fee for all arrack and beer shops at the uniform rate of 15 Rs. per mensem; and enquires whether a similar change is recommended for the Pettah also.

By Order

B 18/5/69

Asst. Secy.

In 52 87 22/5/69

Revenue. No. 39.

186.

From Superintendent [illegible]

To The Secy to the Chief Commr

of Mysore

Dated 14 June

Despatched 15

Received 16th

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Enclosures No.

General No. 1866

Rev No. 89

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The accounts up-to-date

84 to 21 of the 8th June 69

The Accountants letters who

pay 10 Rupees do not

like the addition of 75 Rs.

Cuddapah 16/6.

The rate may be raised to

Rs 15 at the expiry of the

present licenses

17/6/69

Mysore

Inl

General No. 1165

Revenue — 39

Mandalay Division

Superintendent's Office

Bamgaloxe 14th June 1869.

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of A. A. the Rajah of Mupore

Sir,

In reply to your Docket No 843/21 of the 8th May 1869, I have the honor to state for the Chief Commissioner's information that it is quite true that the 10 Rupus Licence Arrack sellers do not like the addition of Rupus 5. as they say that the sale of Beer has interfered with the sale of Arrack, but Lieutenant-Colonel Puckle considers notwithstanding this Ring that the price is not too high and that it should be maintained.

2. It is evident that the price of Rupus 15 is not excessive, or there would not be dozens of applications for every shop that becomes vacant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

H. Cooke
Superintendent.

Revenue - 1 No. 1440

From V.M.S. 18 69/70. No. 1480

To The Supt. Nandidroog

Dated 18 June 1869

Despatched 19

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1490 } 1869/70
Rev. No. 48 }

Your letter No. 1165/39 of the 15 instant.

In reply conveying the Chief Commr's sanction to the license fee for all arrack and beer shops in the Cantonment and Pettah of Bangalore being fixed at the uniform rate of Rs. 15 per measure to the expiry of the term for which the present licenses have been granted.

By Order

notes 23/6/69

Ferak No. 2236.

From Superintendent Pinang River

To The Secy to the Chief Commissr of Singapore

Dated 31st

Despatched 1st Enclosure

Received 2nd Letter

Enclosures No. 3

General No. 2412 } 1869 70
Pl. No. 236 }

Secretary's Penang Offl Memoranda dtd 28th 638 and 647 of the 3rd and 5th July 69, respectively.

Reports on the Petitions from the Arrack Sellers of Singapore

Captain Speedy

A) I concur with the Supt that additional beer shops should not be sanctioned, & I think that the license fee for selling beer should be raised to $ 15. As both Superintendent knows that more opium than Vendors have licenses for & might be informed that the increased fee of $ 15, is not too high

Noted R.W. 2/8/69

D 2/8/69. 13/8/69.

Rec'd 14/8/69

General No. 3412

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Rundiedroog Division
Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 31st August 1869.

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of H H the Raja of Mysore

Sir

In returning the Petitions from the Arrack
Retailers in the Cantonment of Bangalore
received under cover of Genial Official Me-
morandum No. 638 and 647 of the 3rd and
5th Ultimo respectively, I have the honor to
append for the Chief Commissioner's fa-
vourable copy of a letter No 316 of the 19th
instant from the Cantonment Magistrate
commenting upon the subject of the Petitioners
complaint.

2. With reference to the general rate
of Arrack licence complained of by the Pe-
titioners, I beg to invite attention to the cor-
respondence ending with your Docket No.
1490/R 48 dated the 18th of June 1869.

3. The Petitioner's request for the grant of Licenses for additional Beer Shops cannot be complied with, as Captain Gourlay is of opinion that the number of Existing Shops is ample for present requirements.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Superintendent.

No 316

Bangalore
Cantonment Magistrate's Court
Dated 19th August 1869

To
The Superintendent
Mundidroog Division

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your Docket No 2092/61 of 12th Instant I have the honor to inform you that, judging from the number of

of cases of drunkenness disposed of monthly by myself and the Sub Magistrate I am inclined to think that the number of beer houses is ample for requirements. Many of the persons convicted of drunkenness have stated that beer was the drink which intoxicated them, that known as Stonyards appears to have a very disheartening effect and with much deference I would venture to suggest that its manufacture may be subject to some such supervision as is exercised over the manufacture of spirits at the Government distillery, especially as regards its potency when sold.

2. A specimen of the beer was once analysed by the Chemical Examiner who stated he could not discover any actual poisonous ingredient in it, but I have also before me a copy of a report upon Stonyards beer by the Government Chemist who writes "Of the specimens that the lowest priced beer contains the most spirit, and is consequently the most

intoxicating; both Specimens are more intoxicating than good average English bottled beer as imported in India

3. For the above reasons I am of opinion that it would not be advisable to permit Arrack sellers to vend beer, more especially as, if the beer be adulterated and rendered more potent by the retail sellers, Keepers of Arrack taverns would have peculiar facilities for doing so by dropping into it the dregs of their Arrack casks.

4 As to the Arrack sellers complaining of the superior rate of licence fee in future levyable subjecting them to loss, it is a significant fact that none of them has shown any inclination to throw up his licence and I have little doubt that if the licences be put up to auction they would realise from more than 180 Rs per Annum.

5. The Enclosures of the Docket under reply are herewith returned. I am

Superintendent

Sir
Your Obedient Servt
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Asst Superintendent
Mysore Salt & Sayer Estate.

Enclosure

No 2154 ½

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S. L. D.

To
H. Bowring Esqr C.S.
Chief Commissioner Mysore
& Coorg
Bangalore 3.6.69

Most honored Sir.

The arrack Sellers of the Cantonment of Bangalore beg to bring to your honors notice
1st That we have for a length of time
have carried on our trade as arrack Sellers within
the Cantonment of Bangalore
2nd That many licenses have been
issued for the retail Sale of Beer and that in Consequence a large number of retail Beer Shops have been
opened in different directions in the Cantonment
3. That a license of only 10 Rupees is
required from the Venders of Beer whereas we the
Sellers of arrack have to pay a license for the selling
of arrack, as well as to pay the duty upon the liquor
we Sell. In former times while liquor was Sold under
the patronage of Government we were at liberty to Sell Beer
and Brandy imported direct from England,

We beg therefore they that your honor
will grant us Permission to Sell the beer Manufactured
by Messrs Honeywell and the arrack manufactured in this country
and we are willing to pay license duty of Rs. 2 ½ for the
Sanction is granted, Many natives demand beer more
than they do arrack. We are therefore loosers to a great
extent and we find the Sale of arrack under the circumstances
does not pay.

We beg to remain
Most honored Sir
Your most Obt & humble Servants

Bangalore
28th June 1869

General 1869 No. 2973
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From Hr. Superintendent of the Vandidroog Division
Dated 4th September 1869
Despatched 7th
Received 10th Sept 1869

Enclosures No.
General No. 2973 } 1869. 7th
Sec. No. 191 }

In reply to No. 2402/226 of the 31st ult. states that the Chief Comm concurs with him in the opinion that additional Beer shops should not be sanctioned and considers that the license fee should be raised to Rs. 13 per mensem.

Vandidroog Division

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The Dastur and Foreign Dept.

noted 10/9/69 C.A.R.

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No. 2975
Fo. 191

M. C. C. Office
Bangalore 6th September 1865

To,

The Asst. Commy Genl.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith No 2402/226 of the 31st ultimo, enclosing the petitions from the Arrack renters in the Cantonment of Bangalore, I am directed to intimate that the Chief Magistrate concurs with you in the opinion that additional Beer shops should not be sanctioned and to consider that the license fee for those now existing should be raised to Rs 15 per annum.

2. As Captain Gumpertz states that none of the Arrack renters have shown any inclination to turn up their licenses, but that the enhanced fee, viz Rs 15, is not too high.

I have &c.

6/9/65.

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Genl Dept.